

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11-18 and 21-29 are pending in the office action, with claims 11-18, 21-23 and 27-29 being withdrawn from consideration as directed to non-elected inventions, and claims 1 and 25-26 under examination and stand rejected. With entry of the instant Response, claims 11-18, 21-23 and 27-29 have been canceled.

The only issue raised in the office action with regard to the claims under examination is the rejection of claims 1 and 25-26 on the ground of alleged obviousness type double patenting over claims 1-6 of US Patent No. 6,271,015. In response, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer which disclaims the terminal part of any patent to be issued from the subject patent application which extends beyond the expiration dates of U.S. Patent No. 6,271,015. Therefore, the instant rejection is obviated.

Applicants request entry of the instant response as it places the subject application in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney at 858-784-2937. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments regarding the subject application to our Deposit Account No. 19-0962.

Respectfully submitted,

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